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Archbishop dreams of a major revamp at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica that would add to the vibrancy of downtown Halifax

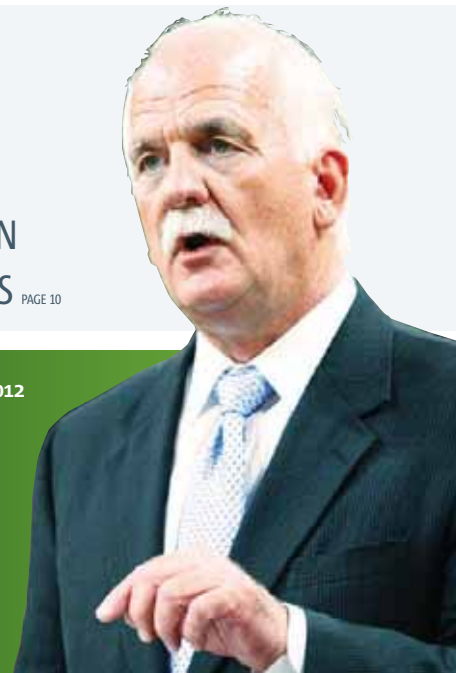
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## Community fights for aboriginal youth program

**Saving Kitpu.** Large turnout for meeting

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**Quoted**

**"I've seen kids change dramatically after a couple of weeks. They're just brighter."**

Rebecca Moore on the impact of the Kitpu Youth Program

A tiny, elderly woman in a pink jacket frowned at the video camera in the centre of the room, chanting with the people around her.

"We need Kitpu. We need Kitpu," the circle of over 30 people sang loudly, pounding their fists into their knees. Their voices echoed off the colourful walls of the community centre.

On Tuesday night, the Micmac Native Friendship Centre on Gottingen Street held a meeting at the nearby George Dixon Centre to brainstorm a plan of action to save the Kitpu Youth Program, which provides a free and safe environment for young people in the city to socialize and learn about aboriginal culture.

They filmed part of their chant on Tuesday night to

make a short video, which will be shared through social media in the hopes of raising awareness about the program's financial troubles.

Kitpu had been receiving over \$100,000 annually from the federally run Cultural Connections for Aboriginal Youth Program, but found out last week they wouldn't be getting any of it this year due to budget cuts.

"It was heartbreaking. It was almost unbelievable. We weren't prepared at all," said Rebecca Moore, former president of the Kitpu Youth Council.

Moore, who joined the program when she was a teen, said it gave her pride to belong to a group and discover her own Mi'kmaq roots.

Glenn Knockwood, recreation co-ordinator for the centre, said after the meeting on Tuesday they could reopen the program on a very tight budget if a public-health grant comes through, but added it's a "big if."

"Maybe in a year, or ideally six months, they will redesign the program," Knockwood said of Cultural Connections. "But I feel like it won't be culturally based anymore."

As for now, the centre is planning an art auction and youth dance to raise money for the program, and there will be a Day of Action on July 12, when people gather across Canada to ask the federal government to save the country's aboriginal programs.

## THIS VAN WILL BE TAKING PRISONERS

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Justice Minister Ross Landry, left, looks inside a compartment of the new \$238,000, 16-seat prisoner-transport van on Tuesday during the rollout of the new vehicle at Province House. The vehicle has been dubbed the "Cadillac" of prisoner-transport vehicles. SPENCER BUELL/FOR METRO

## Ramia plays waiting game

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# Halifax archbishop eyes major development for downtown church

**Planning.** Businesses, affordable housing could all be apart of revamped Cathedral Centre

Illuminated by the glow of a dangling crystal chandelier, Archbishop Anthony Mancini showcased the Saint Mary's Glebe House renovations on Tuesday and shared his dreams for a bigger and better Cathedral Centre in downtown Halifax.

Improvements for Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica on Spring Garden Road and Barrington Street are planned, as is opening up nearby land for possible development.

"Will we have the Cathedral Centre open for some business? I hope so," said Mancini, stating that land surrounding the church, the parking lot and the Saint Mary's Boys' School are possible development areas.

Mancini, the archbishop of Halifax, said helping the poor and sick is a priority for the church, which is why he would like to see affordable housing also go up in the centre.

## Renovation funds

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Halifax said the money for the \$3-million Glebe House renovations came from selling the archbishop's old house in the city's south end along with other church properties, as well as funds from the Genevieve Walshe Trust.

He said the type of businesses he'd prefer to see at the centre would be related to education or improving civic life.

Cathedral centres like the one now being discussed for Halifax have been popping up all over the country, with the parish house of Saint James Cathedral in Toronto being revamped in 2010, and the Anglican Cathedral of Montreal serving as inspiration for Mancini's plan.

"From my perspective, this can happen as soon as possible," said Mancini, who wouldn't give a ballpark figure for the project. "The centre of the city is what makes a place vibrant."

Saint Mary's Glebe, the traditional home of the clergy who serve the downtown cath-



Archbishop Anthony Mancini speaks to reporters inside the recently renovated Saint Mary's Glebe House on Tuesday morning. PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

edral, was also officially reopened Tuesday morning after a year-long renovation.

Priests have lived in the Glebe for decades since its construction in 1891, but the Victorian building had deteri-

orated so much by 2007 that it was unsafe to use.

Halifax developer Joe Ramia provided what he called assistance and guidance for the refurbishment project.

"But Mancini had a vision

that did not include demolition. It was by no means an easy job, but in the end it was well worth it," Ramia said.

The house will be home to Mancini and seven other priests. **HALEY RYAN/FOR METRO**

## Plastics debate bagged in with waste-management report



Coun. Dawn Sloane RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

After weeks of bandying pros and cons in public, Halifax regional council has put the plastic-bag debate away for another day.

Council voted Tuesday to fold the plastic-film-disposal issue floated by downtown Coun. Dawn Sloane into a larger study on how HRM handles its waste. Sloane raised the idea of a bag ban weeks ago. Mayor Peter Kelly was also compelled to publicly express his opposition to such a ban.

Sloane later revised her position to ask for more information from staff on how plastics and packaging films are dealt with. A number of motions later, council agreed to deal with it as part of the more comprehensive analysis.

"Well maybe we should have done our homework before we brought this motion forward and found out it was already being done," said an irate Coun. Russell Walker.

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## Brookdale

### Body of drowned man recovered

The RCMP Underwater Recovery Team located Tuesday night the body of a 28-year-old Pugwash man who drowned at the Pumping Station Pond in Brookdale earlier in the day.

Police confirmed the body of the unidentified man was located at around 8 p.m. Police did not release the victim's name.

RCMP, paramedics, and the Amherst Fire

Department responded to a reported drowning at the pond at 10 a.m. They arrived to learn from witnesses that a man dove off the dam at the popular fishing spot and did not resurface.

Chad Estabrooks was one of those swimmers that was diving trying to find his friend when police and paramedics arrived.

"I dove in three times, and I swear I had his hand. He was a good man. A really good man, and our best friend," he said.

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## On the web

### 'Octomom' facing home foreclosure

"Octomom" Nadya Suleman's California home was put up for auction Tuesday, but there were no bids, so it's been returned to the bank for foreclosure. Go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca) to learn more.

## Mobile news



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# Ramia hopes for summer decision on Nova Centre

## Project stalled.

Convention centre would be located in heart of downtown Halifax on Argyle Street



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Joe Ramia is "optimistic" the proposed convention centre for downtown Halifax will go ahead.

Speaking to reporters Tues-

day, Ramia said he hopes to have an announcement about the Nova Centre project this summer.

"Hopefully, soon we will be able to make an announcement about where we are going with the convention centre," Ramia said.

"We are always optimistic. If you're not optimistic I would've ran away many years ago."

Ramia also addressed rumours he has found a main tenant for the financial-centre component of the project, but did not confirm whether he had. "We have worked on

## No set dates

**"We have no dates set. We hope so (this summer)."**

Joe Ramia, on when an announcement on the proposed convention centre would come

tenants, we are working on tenants and continue to work on tenants, but we haven't made any announcement yet," Ramia said.

"The rumours are rumours," he added later. "We have not commented on this before and I'm telling you today that we are still working on it. The project, we are working on moving it forward as we have presented it, with the convention centre being at the heart of it."

The project has been stalled since August 2011, when the federal government agreed to commit \$51.4 million to the project. At that time, it was believed construction could begin as early as spring 2012.

But a series of delays — caused mostly by Ramia's difficulties in finding an anchor tenant — pushed that deadline back. Ramia told Metro in Janu-

## Crisis in Europe

- Joe Ramia told reporters the financial crisis in Europe has had a "substantial" effect on moving the Nova Centre project forward.

- "It has caused a lot of problems," he said.

- Ramia wants to bring in businesses from both within and outside the province.

- "We are speaking with people all over the world. From London, to Hong Kong, from Los Angeles to New York," he said.

ary that he expected to decide whether or not the project will go ahead by March 19. Since that deadline lapsed, Ramia has been difficult to get in touch with.

Both the province and the municipality have committed \$56 million each to the project.

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The proposed Nova Centre. CONTRIBUTED



Developer Joe Ramia in Halifax Tuesday for the announcement of renovations being complete for the Saint Mary's Glebe. PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

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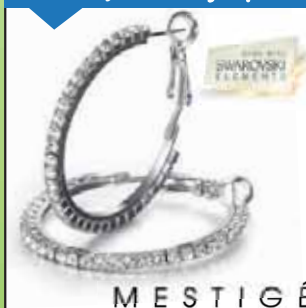
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## Pedestrian death. 68-year-old man hit in crosswalk dies in hospital

A man who was hit by a car while crossing a street in Dartmouth died in hospital on Monday night.

The 68-year-old was crossing at a marked pedestrian crosswalk on Victoria Road at around 6:50 p.m. on Sunday when Halifax police say he was struck by a vehicle turning left off Albro Lake Road.

He was transported to the Queen Elizabeth II hospital with life-threatening injuries.

A 60-year-old man was

### Name withheld

Police say that, at the request of the family, the victim's name isn't being released.

issued a fine for failing to yield to a pedestrian at a crosswalk. Police continue to investigate the collision, but say it's not likely any additional charges will be filed.

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### Multiple charges

## Rampage included hit-and-run: Police

Halifax police say a 31-year-old Mount Uniacke man went into a drunken rampage at his former workplace Tuesday night, throwing chairs, trying to start fights and eventually urinating outside in the parking lot.

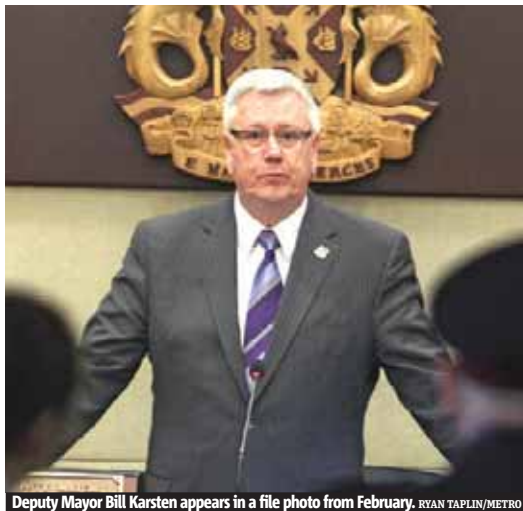
Police say they were called to the Cobequid Road business in Sackville just after 7 p.m. When they ar-

rived, the man had already left in a Pontiac Sunfire, and soon after police began getting reports of someone in the same vehicle driving recklessly. Police say he eventually got into a hit-and-run accident at Stokil Drive and Beaver Bank Road.

The vehicle was finally stopped after the car drove over a spike belt put down by police near Exit 3 on Highway 101.

The man was taken into custody and is facing a variety of charges. METRO

# Council finally puts stamp of approval on recorded votes



Deputy Mayor Bill Karsten appears in a file photo from February. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

### Behind closed doors?

Municipal clerk Cathy Mellett and HRM's legal department were asked to return to council next week with a report on how best to deal with in-camera agenda items —

whether voting to approve a meeting's agenda means approving the in-camera items will remain behind closed doors, or whether that issue can be debated separately.

### Transparency.

Councillors put under microscope with municipal election slated for October



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After three weeks of debate, Halifax regional council finally agreed to make how individual councillors vote on issues a matter of public record.

Council approved second reading of Deputy Mayor Bill Karsten's motion to make all votes of council "recorded" votes on Tuesday. In other words, councillors will push a red or green button at their desk to vote, and those votes will be publicly available.

Despite the apparent simplicity of such a system and two previous opportunities to debate its merits, councillors spent quite some time Tuesday afternoon listing their concerns.

"Try this on for size for common sense: all motions of coun-

cil are subject to a recorded vote, (and) if any member of council (requests one)," said veteran councillor Bob Harvey.

Councillors had been voting by saying yea or nay or, in the case of close votes, by a show of hands tallied by Mayor Peter Kelly. One issue with that method is that it can be difficult, if not impossible, for the public to see how their councillors voted on a particular issue after the fact — arguably an important thing, with a municipal election slated for October.

The continued concerns seemed to irk Karsten.

"Council could choose to go back the way it always was," said Karsten during the debate.

"We're spinning our wheels here, trying to find balance which is what the old system (had)."

In the end, council opted for the recorded vote system.

### Quoted

"Council could choose to go back the way it always was."

Deputy Mayor Bill Karsten

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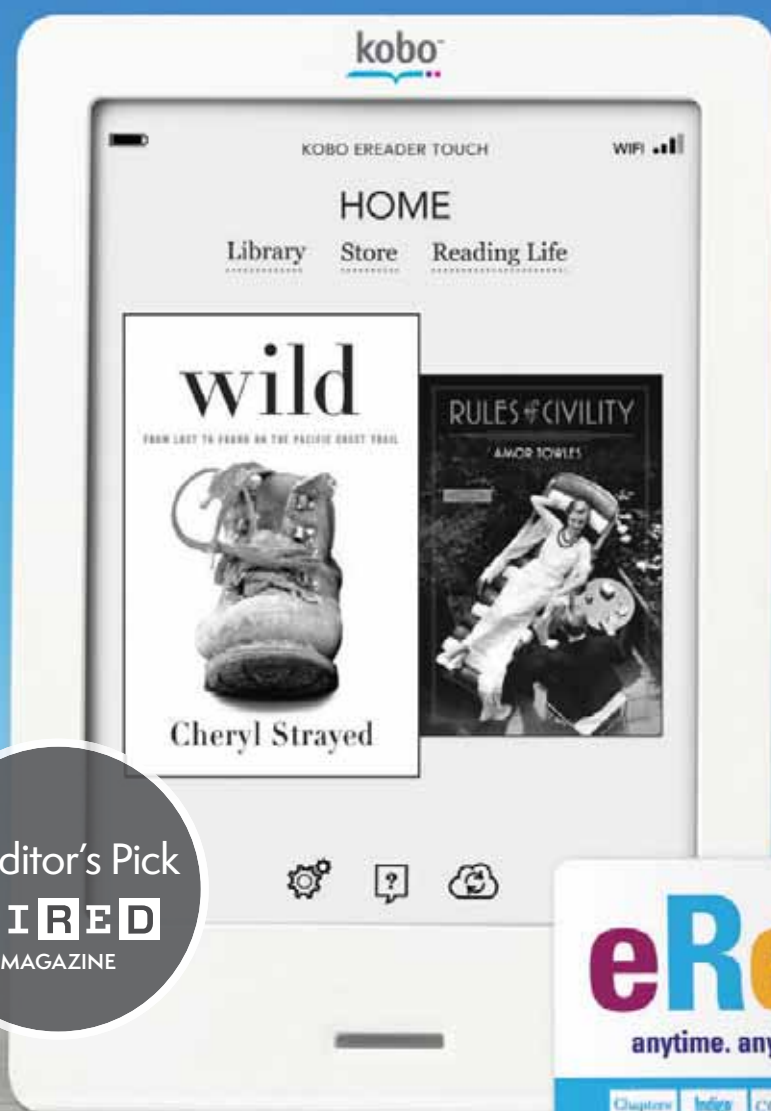
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# Bureaucrats turning down job-relocation offers: Union

A large number of bureaucrats asked by the provincial NDP to move out of Halifax have declined the offer.

According to the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union, 36 out of 71 government employees asked to relocate from Halifax to New Waterford, Shelburne or Truro will not follow their jobs.

According to the union, only 39 of the 71 employees have made their intentions clear.

"To turn 71 peoples' lives up in turmoil and to jeopardize the level of service because they want to have jobs in rural Nova Scotia, I don't think that was a good trade-off," union



Premier Darrell Dexter

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

president Joan Jessome said. Darrell Dexter's NDP gov-

## Quoted

**"We know that for some people to move it's a very traumatic situation."**

Justice Minister Ross Landry

ernment announced earlier this year that employees from the departments of Justice, Agriculture, and Fisheries and Aquaculture would have their jobs moved from Halifax to rural areas.

According to government documents, the move was expected to cost between \$1.5 million and \$2.4 million. The gov-

ernment repeatedly stressed the move was not to save money, but to deliver services more effectively.

Of 23 Justice Department employees, 22 refused to move from Halifax to New Waterford, according to the union.

"We know that for some people to move it's a very traumatic situation," Justice Minister Ross Landry told reporters on Tuesday. "It's very demanding (on) family structures."

The deadline for decisions has been extended to July 4. Jessome said she's "optimistic" the affected employees will be able to find other jobs.

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## 911 improvements. New system will make it easier to locate cellphone callers

Nova Scotia's 911 call centres went live on Tuesday with a new computer system that officials say allows them to adapt to emerging cellphone technologies.

The \$2-million switch allows the Emergency Management Office to make use of possible future developments in mobile devices, which could make locating those who dial 911 on their cellphones easier.

About half of the province's 237,000 911 calls now come from cellphones, and that percentage is on the rise, according to EMO. "Technology is always advancing, so with this new system we're better positioned in

## Switch funding

- The switch was funded by a 43-cent-per-month levy on phone lines in Nova Scotia.

order to ... utilize that to populate our map more accurately," said Paul Mason, the EMO's director of emergency services.

Additional changes include some new computer screens and software and an increased backup capacity in the event of issues at one of the province's four call centres.

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## Personal development

### Students to earn credits for activities outside class

High school students who spend time at 4-H or in the cadets will be able to earn credit for their work outside class starting in September. The first phase of

the personal-development credit announced by Education Minister Ramona Jennex will also include students who participate in Dance Nova Scotia and Junior Achievement.

The program will give students a chance to earn a full or half elective credit on their high school transcripts.

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## Prisoner transport. Province debuts new escape-proof van

Some are calling it the "Cadillac" of prisoner-transport vehicles; others, a "rolling fortress."

The province's Justice Department believes its new, \$238,000 van — with double-latched doors, a stronger metal frame, reinforced Lexan glass windows, closed-circuit security cameras and

more cramped quarters — is nearly impossible to escape.

The department purchased the vehicle in October 2011, just months before a prisoner kicked his way through an older van's window and escaped in February, leading to a manhunt in parts of Dartmouth that lasted four hours before the man turned himself in. "It's

just a great improvement," Justice Minister Ross Landry said at the rollout of the new ride at Province House on Tuesday afternoon. "If someone can get through those windows, I'd be very amazed."

The vehicle seats 16 in eight separate compartments and is configured in such a way that passengers who might be a

danger to one another, such as prisoners from rival gangs, can be separated more easily, said Deputy Sheriff Blain Tolland.

The van is actually slated to save the province some money in the long term because it's better on gas than the old vans.

A second, similar van is expected to be in service this fall.

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# Opposition accuses NDP of 'directing' work of commission

**Party backlash.** Liberals, Tories questioning commission's independence

Nova Scotia's opposition parties are accusing the NDP government of directing the redrawing of the province's electoral boundaries.

Both the Liberal and Progressive Conservative parties alleged that the independence of the commission tasked with redrawing the new electoral boundaries has been breached.

Last week, Attorney General Ross Landry wrote a letter to the commission asking it to revise its interim report that recommended continued protection for minority constituencies in the province.

He said the report did not comply with the legislature's terms of reference that requires constituencies be within 25 per cent of the average number of electors.

But Liberal member Andrew Younger said the public is entitled to see the legal ad-



Andrew Younger METRO

## Liberal reaction

**"The reason we have an independent commission to do this is so it takes politics out of it."**

Liberal MLA Andrew Younger

vice behind Landry's letter.

"It's really unfair ... to write a letter to the commission and demand that they change their interim report if they haven't been provided

a copy of that legal opinion," said Younger on Tuesday.

Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie said the commission should be provided funding to attain its own legal advice on whether it is meeting the terms of reference.

He said the government is "directing the work of a commission that is supposed to be independent."

Landry rejected both party's comments, saying the commission was asked to revise its interim report because it did not follow the terms of reference, which are legally binding.

"I haven't directed them to do anything," Landry said.

"This isn't about lawyers going out and fighting and saying what's right or wrong. This is about the legislature making a decision and the rest of us living by it, not setting the rules and changing it because we don't like it one way or another."

On Monday, the boundary commission unanimously decided to revise its interim report to adhere to the terms of reference. The final report is due Aug. 31.

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## Helping hand for ex-Bowater workers

A team of career counselors and specialists in job training are being made available to help workers affected by the shutdown of a Bowater paper mill in Nova Scotia.

The provincial government says the team will work with people on career options and services, skills assessments and training in Queens County.

Meanwhile, community leaders on Nova Scotia's south shore are trying to rally after the region was dealt a blow with the closure of the paper mill last week by Resolute Forest Products.

The announcement threw 320 workers out of a job, but since December about 430 direct jobs have been eliminated at the operation due to

the decline of the pulp and paper mill in Brooklyn.

Mayor Don Downe of the District of Lunenburg says the challenge now is to save hundreds of other jobs in the sawmill, trucking and transport sector.

He says all municipalities need to work together to find some solutions to create jobs.

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Travellers at Stanfield International Airport can speak freely once again now that the feds have halted plans to secretly record passengers. The Halifax airport was the only location that audio recording took place, an official said.

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# Border-snooping plan shelved pending study of privacy infringement

## Surveillance.

Minister reverses stand on recording conversations at airports and border crossings

Ottawa has hit the pause button on its plan to eavesdrop at border points after confirmation on Tuesday that some travellers at the Halifax airport were secretly recorded.

But there were still many unanswered questions about the surveillance plan.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews said he has told the Canada Border Services Agency to place audio monitoring on hold until a study of the privacy implications is complete.

Travellers have expressed concern about the budding plan by the federal agency to record conversations at airports and border crossings.

One insider said the only location that audio recording

## In the dark

• The privacy commissioner's office says it has yet to receive a full outline of the border agency's plans for enhanced surveillance.

• "We are currently in the dark about what is truly envisaged, and that's precisely the issue," said assistant privacy commissioner Chantal Bernier.

took place was in the secondary examination area of Stanfield International Airport. The conversations were between border officers and air passengers singled out for closer scrutiny.

"All these recordings have been deleted," said one official, who asked not to be named.

Toews wants to see a privacy-impact assessment by the border agency and recommendations from the federal privacy commissioner before going any further.

He received a detailed briefing from the border agency on Tuesday morning and was not satisfied it had taken the appropriate steps to safeguard privacy. It came just one day after the minister defended the initiative. On Tuesday, the NDP accused Toews of flip-flopping and ignoring safeguards to protect the personal information of Canadians.

"Nothing was done to ensure that this project on eavesdropping would respect privacy — absolutely nothing. The minister now acknowledges this fact, and it was really high time," New Democrat MP Rosane Dore Lefebvre said.

Toews said Monday that the border agency "operates customs-controlled areas for screening international travellers arriving at airports across Canada, including monitoring video and audio in order to detect and prevent illegal smuggling."

The privacy rights of law-abiding Canadians are respected at all times, he added.

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# Cool Magnotta in court, he pleads not guilty

## Body-parts case.

One day after arriving from Germany, accused killer is impassive in video link

Luka Rocco Magnotta has pleaded not guilty in the body-parts case, appearing calm Tuesday in his first court session.

Projected into the Montreal courtroom by video link, Magnotta protested his innocence in the slaying-and-dismemberment case that has drawn world attention.

His appearance lasted about three minutes.

Magnotta was impassive as he appeared onscreen at the courthouse.

Actually, he was standing at a police station in a different part of the city, flanked by a guard.

The 29-year-old murder suspect had arrived in Canada the previous day, shackled as he was returned



Luka Rocco Magnotta sits in a van in Mirabel, Que., after arriving from Germany. MONTREAL POLICE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

from Germany aboard a military plane.

Magnotta, a self-described porn actor and prostitute, faces five charges, including first-degree murder, defiling a corpse, and harassing Prime Minister Stephen Harper and members of Parliament, as well as publishing and mail-

ing obscene material.

He is accused of killing and dismembering Montreal university student Jun Lin, mailing out his body parts to different places, including the Ottawa offices of the Conservative Party of Canada, and posting a video of the events on the Internet.

Appearing before Justice Lori-Renee Weitzman, Magnotta pleaded not guilty through his lawyer Pierre Pannaccio.

The case returns to court on Thursday, again by video, to discuss a motion to have Magnotta evaluated.

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# RIO+20 IS SENDING OUT

**Environment.** Metro talks to the Blue Marine Foundation and other experts about how to stop trashing our oceans



MICHELLE CASTILLO  
Metro World News

From June 20 to 22, leaders, officials and advocates from the private and public sectors will meet in Rio de Janeiro for the United Nations' Conference on Sustainable Development, otherwise known as Rio+20. Topics up for discussion include how to solve global poverty, social inequality and the destruction of the environment.

Easy, right? Yeah, sure.

But those planning to attend say the gathering will make a difference, especially for marine advocates. "Rio can go a long way to help our oceans," says Charles Clover, chairman of the Blue Marine Foundation. His organization, which worked with Metro to put together this feature, was created in 2010, and aims to "create marine reserves and private-sector solutions in the sea, which enable fisheries to be restructured to promote sustainable fishing."

Clover says the task is a vital one because the reserves keep fish and other wildlife safe from the destruction wreaked on them almost everywhere else in the oceans by fishing fleets and problems including climate change and pollution. Fishing sustainably also means fish-

ermen can earn a living now and in the future.

"What we really want and need from Rio," Clover says, "is a ratified system of governance for the high seas which would replace the present lack of fishing regulations. They encourage a devastating free-for-all. As part of this, we want Rio to make it possible to create marine reserves in international waters, something that just can't be done as things stand but which is desperately important."

## Blue Marine not alone

Another group with an agenda for positive change is the International Ocean Institute (IOI), based in Malta. The non-profit group hopes to convince nations at Rio to adopt policies to protect our big blue wonders.

"Perhaps Rio can be the wake-up call to the unconscionable attitude humans have toward the ocean, and that our very survival depends on bridging the governance deficit in managing our ocean," says Dr. Awni Behnam, president of IOI.

Pollution is his main concern. Behnam estimates that more than 46,000 pieces of plastic are floating in every square mile of ocean. The concentration is especially high in the North Pacific Gyre in an area known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

Ocean currents push all the trash into this area, even if the pollution was deposited from other parts of the world. It's also why scientists see garbage in the most remote parts of the Arctic, more than

1,000 kilometres away from major populations.

"The human-trash problem is not just a cleanliness issue per se, but a really insidious problem," says Steve Gittings, science co-ordinator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Sanctuary Program, a U.S. government organization.

Not only does the garbage not break down, but it's also invisible, says Dr. Simon Boxall of the National Oceanography Centre. "This isn't some big pile of bags and bottles that we can go and scoop up. It's microscopic dust particles, as the bigger items break down mechanically," he says.

The overall pollution in our environment leads to climate change and ocean acidification, which occurs when the pH level rises, making the water more acidic. Dr. Scott Doney, a senior scientist of marine chemistry and geochemistry at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Woods Hole, Mass., says it occurs when humans burn fossil fuels, producing carbon dioxide, which is absorbed by the ocean and changes the seawater chemistry.

"There aren't any specific human health issues that have come up yet, but what's concerning is that a lot of plants and animals that people depend on appear to be sensitive to changes," Doney says.

## So, to sum up...

Overfishing, pollution, climate change — heavy stuff. The key is getting governments on board to help change laws to make regulation easier. "Climate change, for example," Gittings says. "No one seems to want to step up and make the major policy decisions. It's a tricky and costly one."

Organizers hope the Rio+20 conference will provide the push governments need to take action.



A father and daughter survey the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. GETTY IMAGES

### Watch The End of the Line

Blue Marine Foundation co-founders George Duffield and Chris Gorell Barnes produced the award-winning documentary *The End of the Line*. To learn more and to watch the film, go to [blumarinefoundation.org](http://blumarinefoundation.org).



## A man-made threat. How we create toxic algae

Watch where you throw out that empty plastic pop bottle! Up to one million seabirds and 100,000 mammals die each year from trash-related problems, the IOI says. Bags routinely choke turtles and sea gulls, and if they ingest plastic pieces, it can act as a magnet for other contaminants that cause cancer.

Another issue: Hypoxia eutrophication — which has been attributed to the rise in agricultural chemicals, indus-

trial byproducts and waste from population growth — depletes oxygen in our oceans and causes conditions for harmful algae to proliferate. As animals die and the algae use up all the available oxygen (releasing more carbon dioxide in exchange), this creates what Lisa Levin, director of the Scripps Center for Marine Biodiversity and Conservation, calls oxygen "dead zones." That's a term you never want to hear when about to go for a swim. **METRO**



Let's think about the impact the next time we drive. THINKSTOCK

## Need for speed. Drilling has us tearing up seabed

Demand for fossil fuels is driving more companies to drill for oil under the sea. Besides the noise pollution that affects animals that depend on sonar and vocalization to communicate, drilling brings in other contaminants and extra boat traffic, changing the animals' habitat.

"Deep-sea oil and gas and energy extraction already has the potential for major accidents," says Lisa Levin the Scripps Center. "Now, mining

companies are set to mine precious metals in the deep ocean. They target countries with limited regulations when it comes to the deep sea."

Through current legislation has created some worldwide marine protectorates, and some countries have taken steps to protect their oceans through clean-seas acts and laws that regulate ship waste, not much will change unless people are willing to change their habits. **METRO**



# AN SOS: SAVE OUR SEAS



## In need of a lifeline

### Who killed all the fish?

In the 19th century, visitors to European coastal resorts were often greeted with the sight of huge skates hanging from wooden stakes along the shore, some the size of dining tables. The meat of these fish was considered too tough and rank to be eaten fresh, but a few days in the open air softened them up nicely.

Such giants are unfamiliar to modern shoppers because there are virtually none left. Even by the mid-19th century they had begun to decline as bottom trawlers dragged their nets across ever larger areas of seabed, and hook-studded longlines stretched farther.

The common skate is but one of dozens of fish that have come and gone from markets in the past century. Fisheries the world over made the revolutionary transition to engine power in about 1900, allowing boats to deploy bigger nets and fish deeper and farther offshore.

Add fast-freezing to the package — an invention of American entrepreneur Clarence Birdseye in the 1920s — and fishermen were freed to move into the haunts of exotic new species.

Rachel Carson, whose book *Silent Spring* started the environmental movement 50 years ago, wrote a pamphlet in 1943 urging housewives to try new fish species. Two of her picks, the rose fish and the wolf fish, enjoyed a brief boom in catches. But stocks rapidly collapsed and they are scarce today.

Orange roughy, another deepwater fish, burst onto markets in Australia and then across the world in the 1980s when huge

stocks were discovered 1,000 metres down, only to collapse a few years later.

There is a good chance that a recent favourite from Antarctic waters, the Patagonian toothfish, known as Chilean seabass to North Americans, will soon follow the roughy's fate.

Elsewhere, the ongoing collapse of the bluefin tuna — the world's most expensive fish — could see them disappear from the table within a few years.

In an oft-repeated pattern, big predators such as bluefin decline quickly and are replaced by animals from lower down the food chain, like prawns and squid. In the past, we shunned these species and threw them back or used them as bait.

Some kinds of seafood have boomed, busted and made a comeback as fish farms have spread, such as oysters which were popular among common people before the end of the 19th century but in the early 20th century most stocks had collapsed from overfishing, disease and pollution. Today fresh oysters are back on the menu, as sweet and delicious as ever.

Unless overfishing is brought under control, we will see further losses of common seafood species, and many scientists predict a future in which we must eat jellyfish or plankton for want of anything else.

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## The stats

### 17x

Fishing vessels have to put in 17 times more effort today than in 1889 to catch the same quantity of fish in U.K. waters. Source: Professor Callum Roberts, University of York, U.K.

### 79.7M

79.7 million tonnes of fish were caught at sea in 2009. When farmed and inland fish are taken into account, more than 145 million tonnes were produced, of which 117.8 million tonnes were eaten by people. Source: UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

### 15.7%

On average, every person in the world ate 17.2 kilograms of fish in 2009. It accounted for 15.7 per cent of the global intake of animal protein. Source: FAO

### 4.3M

In 2009, there were 4.3 million fishing vessels worldwide. Of these, 59 per cent were powered by engines, the rest by sails or oars. Source: FAO

### 28%

28 per cent of the world's fisheries are over-exploited, 3 per cent are depleted and 1 per cent are recovering. 50 per cent are fully exploited but only 3 per cent are under-exploited while 12 per cent are moderately exploited. Source: FAO

### 24 tonnes

In Asia each fisherman produces 2.4 tonnes of fish annually. In North America the average fisherman produces 18 tonnes annually. In Europe the average fisherman produces 24 tonnes. Source: Blue Marine Foundation



## The Rio+20 headlines

Among the topics to be discussed at this year's conference...

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### Toxic oceans

Acidification and resource depletion of the world's seas will be addressed at a dedicated Oceans Day. Themes will include how to deal with disasters such as the BP Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

### The \$4-trillion question

The UN hopes to sign up 7,000 businesses to invest in clean technology that will have an estimated value of \$4 trillion US.



### Slum rehab

Host country Brazil has led the way in building economic hubs in shantytowns, establishing construction and waste-management groups. Other nations will explore ways to solve poverty and develop infrastructure.

### BRIC party

This year's conference is driven by Brazil, Russia, India and China — the newly advanced economies known collectively as BRIC. It's an opportunity for new players to gain influence.



### Collapse?

At press time, only 20 per cent of the Rio+20 draft text agreement had been finalized, amid reports of deep divisions, which led WWF director Jim Leape to predict either a "meaningless agreement or complete collapse."



EXCLUSIVE: Metro VIP

# HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES

In an exclusive column before Rio+20, Prince Charles shares what he's learned from his sustainability unit and offers a prescription for the future: "Seeing is believing," he urges

## 'REBUILD FISH STOCKS AND PREVENT FUTURE EXPLOITATION'

It is all too easy to believe that news on the state of fish stocks amounts to a relentless counsel of doom, but, fortunately, there is a more positive story emerging, and it gives me considerable hope.

Research conducted by my International Sustainability Unit (I.S.U.) reveals that, in many parts of the world, positive steps are being taken to establish a much more sustainable way of managing these vital self-renewing resources.

In 2008, developing countries exported about \$27 billion worth of fish. Fishing supports the livelihoods of more than 120 million people, and one billion people rely on fish as their main source of protein. So it is important to see that what many call an environmental problem is also an economic and social one. As long as there are fish to catch, many millions of people enjoy job security and the social cohesion that comes from that.

And it could get better. The World Bank recently estimated that an extra \$50 billion a year could come from annual catches if better management was put in place. So what needs to be done? Analysis by my I.S.U. team has shown that many examples of better practice around the world are underpinned by three broad

factors.

First, they have all been implemented with the understanding that fish don't exist in isolation from the environments that sustain them. There are many tools available to help manage fish stocks in ways that respect ecosystems — things like improving fishing gear, protecting stocks during spawning, setting aside protected areas or taking a precautionary approach to exploitation.

The second characteristic is the creation of well-designed rules for intelligent fishing that are enforced robustly. This includes proper monitoring and appropriate penalties to deter illegal fishing.

Finally, there is sound economics. Good management of fish stocks is rewarded with

secure and decent livelihoods for those who do the fishing. There are several ways in which this can be achieved.

One would be improving labelling to encourage consumers to demand more sustainable seafood. Another is the establishment of appropriate long-term rights that give fishers a stake in the future of their fishing grounds.

It seems to me that it would also make a tremendous difference if official subsidies really focused on supporting socially and environmentally positive activities. All too often, better ways of doing things are inadvertently penalized by how subsidy systems work.

I find it encouraging that there are many examples of positive progress, from the



### His agenda

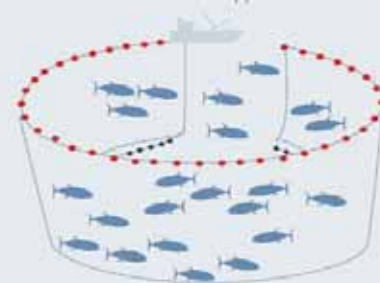
### Making decisions 'future proof'

The Prince's Accounting for Sustainability Project is part of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales's International Sustainability Unit, developed to "ensure that we are not battling to meet 21st-century challenges with, at best, 20th-century deci-

sion-making and reporting systems. The project's work focuses on ways to integrate measures of environmental health, social well-being and economic performance to provide a "future-proofed" framework for decision-making, to build the capacity needed to take action." It has organized a panel about the topic at Rio+20. **METRO**

## HOW SUSTAINABLE FISHING WORKS

A step-by-step look at how one company, PNA Western and Central Pacific skipjack tuna fishery, makes it happen.



### STEP ONE

Catches fish using purse seine net. Shoals are surrounded, the bottom is drawn tight shut and the fish are hauled out in what is in effect a huge string bag.

Among the sustainable measures in place: Fish aggregation devices (FADs), floating platforms which attract the fish but also other species, are banned. Also, vessels are limited in how long they are allowed to stay out at sea. And observers accompany each vessel to monitor catches.



### STEP TWO

Once on board the fish are stored in holds and frozen.



### STEP THREE

They are taken to port for unloading. Transferring catches at sea is banned.



### STEP FOUR

Catches landed at port are sent either direct to Pacific Island factories for processing and canning or are loaded into ships to be transported to factories in other parts of the world. Most of the catch is exported under the brand name Pacific. Pacific is a joint venture between the PNA and the Netherlands company Sustainable. Among the aims of Pacific are to promote sustainable fishing, provide local employment and offer tuna to customers at affordable prices (as opposed to paying a premium for sustainably source fish).



### STEP FIVE

The main customers are the US, UK, Japan and Korea. PNA controls around 30% of the global tuna supply, and 4 million square miles of sea.

It produces **267,000 tonnes** annually, enough for **2.67 billion** tuna sandwiches.

U.S. to Indonesia and from Iceland to Vietnam, where fishing communities are adopting the approaches needed to rebuild fish stocks. Where this happens, stocks recover and communities reap the benefits. The urgent questions, it seems to me, are how can these examples of best practice be spread and how quickly can this be done?

One powerful way to do this is through a process I have employed for many years in other sectors — what might be called "seeing is believing." This, simply put, involves inspiring people to change their behaviour through showing them what is already being done through successful examples of best practice. My hope is that my I.S.U. can play a small role in this.

Genuine multi-stakeholder partnerships must urgently be pursued to introduce best practice sustainable fisheries management to all corners of the world. Everyone can play their part, including consumers. They can become more aware of the choices they make and ensure the fish on their plates is sustainably sourced. When you consider that the alternative is the continued decline of the world's fish stocks, I fear that we really have no other choice.

# Report shows wait times worsening

**Wait Times report.**  
Decline in performance in diagnostic imaging, hip and knee replacement, radiation for cancer, heart-bypass and cataract surgery

After several years of progress, it appears some provinces are slipping in their quest to reduce the time it takes to receive a number of benchmark medical treatments.

Part of the slide can be attributed to hospitals being overcrowded by elderly

patients with dementia — a problem that can only get worse as the population ages, said a report from the Wait Times Alliance issued Tuesday.

“Canada needs a national dementia strategy that formally integrates the functions of primary care, specialist care and home-care services with a strong focus on keeping seniors in the community, out of the emergency department and out of hospital,” the alliance recommended. It showed a decline in performance for patients in the five priority areas: imaging, hip and knee replacement, radiation for cancer, cataract and heart-bypass

## Straight As for Ontario

**“Although some provinces have shown improvement, the overall results point toward lengthier waits.”**

Report from the Wait Times Alliance.

surgery.

Prince Edward Island received an F for knee replacements and a D for hip replacements.

Manitoba earned a D for hip and knee replacements and cataract surgery.

Ontario scored the best with As across the board and no significant changes in wait

times.

“Unlike the past several years, the 2012 results show a worsening of performance with regard to patients receiving care within the pan-Canadian benchmarks set by governments,” said the report.

“Although some provinces have shown improvement, the overall results point toward lengthier waits.”

What’s worse is that most of the figures compiled by the alliance only relate to specialist care and don’t account for the time it takes to see a general practitioner or to have medical tests completed after visiting the doctor.

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**Patients line up at the emergency room at Montreal's Sacre Coeur Hospital. A report released Tuesday says there's been a slide backward on wait times, partly because of overcrowded hospitals. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Hosni Mubarak on life support, adding to uncertainty in Egypt

## Crisis in Cairo.

Questions arise over former leader's successor — and whether the position still holds power

Egypt's Hosni Mubarak was being kept alive by life support after he was rushed from prison to a military hospital in a rapidly worsening condition, officials said. The 84-year-old ousted leader's health crisis added a new element of uncertainty just as a potentially explosive fight opened over who will succeed him.

The state news agency MENA said Mubarak was "clinically dead" when he arrived at the hospital and that doctors used a defibrillator on him several times. It initially said the efforts were not successful.

But the official said Mubarak was put on life support. He had no further details on his condition. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the press.



An Egyptian man chants slogans against the Supreme Council for the Armed Forces outside the Egyptian parliament in Cairo on Tuesday, as ousted Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak was being kept on life support.

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The developments add further layers to what is threatening to become a new chapter of unrest and political power struggles in Egypt, 16 months after Mubarak was ousted by a popular uprising demanding democracy. Egyptians were uncertain about Mubarak's fate, about who will succeed him and about whether his successor will have any power.

The campaign of Mubarak's

former prime minister, Ahmed Shafiq, said Tuesday he has won Egypt's presidential election, countering the Muslim Brotherhood's claim of victory for its candidate, Mohammed Morsi.

The election commission is to announce the official final results on Thursday and no matter who it names as victor, his rival is likely to reject the result as a fraud. If



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Shafiq is declared winner in particular, it could spark an explosive backlash from the Brotherhood.

The Brotherhood, Egypt's most powerful political group, is already escalating its challenge against the ruling military over the generals' move this week to give themselves overwhelming authority over the next president.

Some 50,000 protesters, mostly Islamists, massed in Cairo's Tahrir Square on Tuesday evening chanting slogans in support of Morsi and denouncing the generals' power grab.

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## Syria. Government ready to evacuate besieged Homs

Syria's government said Tuesday it was ready to act on a UN call to evacuate civilians trapped in the rebellious central city of Homs for more than a week, but blamed rebels for obstructing efforts to get them out.

Maj.-Gen. Robert Mood, chief of the UN observer mission in the country, has demanded that all warring parties in the conflict allow safe passage for women, children and sick people who need to leave the city and other combat zones.

Activists said shelling and clashes between rebel fighters and troops in Homs continued unabated Tuesday, underlining the difficulty in organizing any sort of evacuation. Fierce shelling was reported on the rebel-held districts of Khaldiyeh and Jout el-Shayeh and nearby areas. Troops backed by helicopter gunships were also bombarding the town of Rastan, north of Homs, which is controlled by rebels.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reiterated an urgent appeal for world leaders to intervene to stop the shelling that has trapped more than

### Trapped

Activists say around 1,000 families have been trapped by ongoing government attacks on Homs.

- The UN said Saturday its 300 observers based in Syria were suspending all missions because of concerns for their safety after fighting intensified over the previous 10 days.

1,000 families and "the systematic killings that the Syrian people in Homs are being subjected to."

A Foreign Ministry statement carried by state-run news agency SANA said the government has contacted the UN observer mission and local authorities in Homs to start efforts to bring out the trapped civilians.

"But the efforts of the UN monitors' mission failed in achieving this goal because of the armed terrorist groups' obstructions," the statement said. It charged that armed groups were using innocent civilians as "human shields."

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**“For years, I suffered from unbearable stiffness and swelling in my hands”**

# “How I BEAT The Pain That Almost Ended My Career!”

By Jaudon Sunde  
Medical Cosmetic Technician

**For nine long years, I lived in sheer agony.** I suffered from inflammation and horrible stiffness in my hands. Unless you’ve experienced it for yourself, you can’t imagine how bad the pain really is. It nearly crippled me and almost ended my career.

As a Medical Micropigmentation Specialist in Cleveland, Ohio, **I need my hands for applying medical tattooing and permanent makeup for cancer patients, burn victims, and for people who need facial reconstruction.**

I was proud that in 2010, FOX 8 TV news viewers voted me the “Best Permanent Cosmetic Technician” in the area and I have consistently ranked in the top 2% nationally.

But suddenly, my career was in danger. I was told that the intense precision of my work combined with the brutal cold winters in Ohio contributed to major stiffness and inflammation.

**So naturally, I tried just about every pain remedy and topical cream on the market. Nothing worked.** The pain was getting worse and worse.

So for all these years, I got by on a steady regimen of over-the-counter pills. The pain in my hands got so bad that I started taking pain relievers 2-3 times a day. And still my agony persisted.

**I was faced with a dreadful choice:** Either have the painful surgery on my hands and be laid up for months...or cut my workload in half. I was between a rock and a hard place.

I couldn’t afford to do either. I had to find a better way to get real relief.

**Then one day at dinner a friend of mine told me that inflammation is worse than I thought.** “It’s called the ‘secret killer,’ and for good reason,” he said. “Left alone, it can ravage your arteries, chew up nerve cells in your brain, and lead to all kinds of age-related ailments.

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**Jaudon Sunde, Micropigmentation Specialist, says that “Nopalea has been a life-saver in every sense of the word.”\***

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## Cost-of-living survey. Toronto judged most expensive city in Canada

A new global survey rates Toronto and Vancouver as among the most expensive cities in North America for expatriates locating there.

The new Mercer cost-of-living survey places Toronto at No. 61 and Vancouver at No. 63 among 214 world cities assessed in cost of living for expatriates.

Only New York at No. 33 is more expensive in North America.

But North America remains relatively cheap by world standards, beaten by cities in Asia, Europe, Russia, South America, Australia and Africa.

The top three spots went to Tokyo; Luanda, Angola;

### By the numbers

- Other Canadian cities to make the list were Montreal at 87, Calgary at 92 and Ottawa, the least expensive of the group, at 115.

- The survey measures the comparative costs of over 200 items, including housing, transport and food.

and Osaka, Japan. The least expensive city is Karachi, Pakistan, assessed as less than one-third as expensive as Tokyo.

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### Market Minute

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**OIL**  
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**Natural gas:** \$2.545 US (-9¢)  
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# Canada leaves summit with invite to trade talks



Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks at a news conference following the G20 Summit in Los Cabos, Mexico, on Tuesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Summit ends.** World leaders call on Europe to take action on eurozone's continuing financial crisis

Prime Minister Stephen Harper leaves the G20 summit in Mexico with an invite to pull up a chair at major trade talks, and newfound confidence that Europe will take bold action to get its economic house in order.

The two-day summit closed Tuesday with leaders of the world's 20 most important economies urging their European counterparts to break the vicious circle of debt-burdened banks and cash-strapped coun-

### Quoted

**"A TPP agreement will ... provide greater economic opportunity for Canadians."**

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, on Canada joining the Trans-Pacific Partnership talks

tries. Even though Europe was at the top of everyone's mind at the summit, behind the scenes Canadian officials were trying to wrap up a long-standing negotiation with the Americans.

Canadian officials met late into Monday night with representatives from the United States. The prime minister followed up Tuesday morning with a one-on-one meeting with U.S. President Barack Obama.

Harper then announced Canada has been asked to sit at the negotiating table for the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership.

"Opening new markets and creating new business opportunities leads to jobs, growth and long-term prosperity for all Canadians," the prime minister said in a statement.

The announcement came a day after G20 host nation Mexico was invited to join the talks. Nine countries are currently negotiating a free-trade pact that many feel will have more economic strength than the North American Free Trade Agreement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Gen Y Canadians splurging on luxuries: Report

Young and trendy members of Generation Y are outspending older Canadians in the luxury markets for fashion, travel and fine dining, according to a report released Tuesday.

The American Express Business Insights report, based on spending data collected from 2009 to 2011, found that Canada's luxury segment has been more resilient to economic uncertainty than markets in Europe and the U.S., dominated by demand from younger people.

"Optimism amongst Canadians appears to be on the rise as luxury spending increased," the credit-card company said in a release.

"What has proven most surprising is that in a soft job market, younger Canadians are dominating Canadian luxury spending growth in the core areas of fashion, travel and fine dining."

Luxury spending among young people has increased in recent years even as they face piles of debt from more schooling than prior gener-

ations, weak job prospects and an unemployment rate that is about twice the national average.

The findings also suggest the Canadian luxury segment was less impacted during the height of the economic downturn and recovered more quickly than in the U.S. and Europe, which have yet to return to pre-recessionary spending levels in the market.

Canada's luxury segment was down about nine per cent in 2009, compared to a 14 per cent decline in the

U.S. and 10 per cent drop in Europe.

"What we've seen in Canada is that, even during economic uncertainty, consumers are not shying away from luxury spending," said Colin Temple, vice-president and general manager of merchant services at American Express Canada.

Meanwhile, older generations that once dominated the luxury market showed a slowdown in spending growth over the same period.

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### Gen Y spending

Gen Y members, those born in 1983 or later, increased spending from 2009 to 2011.

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MORE ON  
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Gen X, those born from 1965 to 1982, increased spending on luxury fashion by 33 per cent, travel by 15 per cent, and fine dining by 31 per cent, the report found.

## Report. World's richest saw wealth slip in 2011

Sellers of private jets, exotic sports cars and yachts to cruise the world may be feeling a pinch as the one per cent took a hit last year, albeit a small one.

The turmoil on the financial markets and economic uncertainty took its toll on the world's richest who saw their overall financial wealth dip 1.7 per cent in 2011, according to a report Tuesday by Capgemini and RBC Wealth Management.

The drop for those with investable assets of \$1 million US or more, excluding their primary residence and other certain assets, was the first decline

### By the numbers

**2.5%**

The report found that the number of people with \$30 million US or more in investable assets fell 2.5 per cent last year.

since the 2008 financial crisis when it dropped 19.5 per cent.

The report said the number of high-net-worth individuals increased by 0.8 per cent to 11 million in 2011, compared with a gain of 8.3 per cent in 2010.

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### Real-time tracking

## Nav Canada joins satellite venture

Air-traffic-services provider Nav Canada is teaming up with a U.S. satellite company in a joint venture that will allow air-traffic authorities to track airplanes in real time to help improve safety and fuel efficiency.

Nav Canada said Tuesday it will be a partner in a planned joint venture called Aireon, along with satellite company Iridium Communications Inc. The joint venture will also have the support of the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration.

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Open letter to Rob Ford, mayor of Toronto:

OK, as PR campaigns go, "Cut the Waist" collapsed under its own weight.

It's hard enough pledging to lose 50 pounds in five months, never mind with the whole nation looking on and making fun.

And then, whenever you do turn up to weigh in, a bunch of media jackals pound you with rude questions about transit and budgets.

It's even harder when you fall off the scale on the final weigh-in, 33 pounds from your goal, as the peanut gallery laughs even harder.

But I want you to know: You're my inspiration, Big Guy.

Look, you're not the mayor of Toronto because you're the intellectual heir to Albert Einstein. You're the mayor of Toronto because regular people can relate to you. And regular people struggle with their weight. In fact, according to the United Nations, three-

**We can all relate, Rob**

**"In fact, according to the United Nations, three-quarters of North Americans are overweight. You're not alone."**

quarters of North Americans are overweight.

You're not alone.

Take me, for instance. I'm a meat yo-yo. I find it easy to lose weight ... and I find it even easier to put it back on again. In January, when you joined your brother Doug and pledged to lose 50 pounds, I was 40 pounds overweight and contemplating a trip to Mr. Big and Tall for a wardrobe upgrade.

I figured if the Big Guy could wrap his meaty paw around a stick of celery, well, so could I. And as you took the heat, I got out of the kitchen. Since January, I've lost 31 pounds and "Freedom 40" is in sight. Plus I've managed to get on and off the scale without injuring myself. Bonus.

Although I've managed to keep my jaw shut at key moments, it hasn't been easy. You were subject to ridicule when you were discovered slinking out of KFC. Let me say that I am haunted daily by KFC. I could eat a whole family bucket of that stuff and then hit the fries and gravy.

And it's not just KFC. That A&W Root Bear relentlessly pursues me with discount coupons. And every day at quit-tin' time, the hungriest time, I have to walk past the best pizza joint on the planet and all those succulent slices laid out on the slab. The aroma alone is fattening.

The glass is half empty, and that's a good thing. You're 13 pounds lighter than you were in January. You proved to yourself and the rest of Fat City that you can lose weight if you put your mind to it.

Keep going. Do it for yourself, and no one else.

And I'll see you on the skinny side.



Toronto Mayor Rob Ford had his final weigh in Monday, where he missed his weight-loss target by 33 pounds and then fell off the scale.

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## Saved by royal appointment



GETTY IMAGES

### Rhino conservation

#### Prince condemns horn poachers

In a rare interview, Prince William has condemned people involved in the illegal trade of rhino horns as "extremely ignorant, selfish and utterly wrong." He was speaking in Port Lympne Wild Animal Park in Ashford, Kent, south-east England, to meet three endangered black rhinos before they were reintroduced into the wild in Tanzania. **METRO**

### The Prince's speech

- **It's all about education.** "My message to them is simply 'Stop'. ... It's a message about educating people and understanding that when you buy that rhino horn, or when you buy that ivory, you are taking this from an animal that has been slaughtered for this decorative ornament you have on your mantelpiece and you have at home. Is that really what you desire and what you feel is right in the world?"

### Rhinos in numbers

# 4,800

black rhinos are left in the wild in Africa, with experts saying the animal is being slaughtered at the rate of two a day.

### Illegal trade

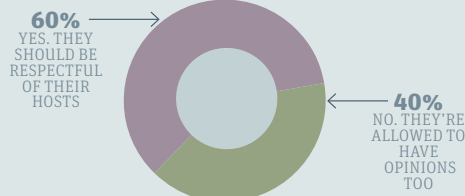
#### Demand puts rhinos on brink

Black rhinoceros, native to eastern and central areas of Africa, have been poached to the brink of extinction due to the demand for their horn, both for use in Chinese traditional medicine and for traditional Yemeni dagger handles. Experts estimate that around 95 per cent of the black rhino population has been lost. A single horn can fetch \$250,000 US. **METRO**



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Do celebrities who diss the city they are filming in deserve to get flak for it?



### Twitter

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**@uniondesign:**

Summer in Halifax... when the scent of raw sewage permeates random pockets of downtown. Lovely.

**@colindavis:**

Okay #Halifax who thought it

was a good idea to close sections on both sides of the sidewalk on Spring Garden on a sunny day in June?

**@MsNovaScotia36:**

#Halifax to #Hawaii in 9 days!! Yippee. All paid for by #airmiles. Benefit of military hubby who flies alot!

**@t\_bears:**

Some people in Halifax treat Dartmouth like you need a passport to go there lol





Brave tells the story of a Celtic princess who rebels against her mother. Scottish actress Kelly Macdonald voices Merida, the film's anti-princess. DISNEY/PIXAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Fairy tale revamp: Damsels in distress a thing of the past

**Brave girls.** The new generation of movie princesses do so much more than wait for Prince Charming to save the day



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When one thinks about movie princesses a few names come top of mind: Snow White, Cinderella, Aurora and Belle. This

fab four have come to define what being a movie princess is all about. Or at least they used to.

Once upon a time a movie princess was a damsel in distress, swathed in pink and jewels, waiting for Prince Charming to come to the rescue.

Lately, however, the movies have given us a different kind of princess, one who is more into grrl-power than girly-girl.

Mark Andrews, the co-director of this weekend's cinema release *Brave*, the story of a Celtic princess who rebels against her mother, calls the movie's lead character "an anti-princess."

"She's an active and action-

oriented person," he says. "She wants to get out in the outdoors of the Highlands, escaping from castle life and exploring the woods."

*Brave* isn't the first movie to shatter the stereotype of the pretty pink princess.

According to Roger Ebert, Ariel, the teenage mermaid princess of *The Little Mermaid*, "is a fully realized female character who thinks and acts independently, even rebelliously, instead of hanging around passively while the fates decide her destiny."

In other words, she still marries her prince charming, but for the first time a Disney princess gave a lesson in in-

dependence and had a hand (or fin) in deciding her fate.

The success of that movie led to a new batch of princesses who were empowered and could look after themselves and others.

Pocahontas was an adventurous princess who put her own life at risk to stop a war between her people, the Powhatans, and the British settlers, and the fiery Mulan broke gender boundaries by enlisting in the army and saving China from total devastation at the hands of the Huns.

Jasmine, the daughter of the wealthy Sultan of Agrabah and the princess at the heart of *Aladdin*, didn't fight off invad-

ers but she did do something that made her unique in the Disney princess world.

Tired of life in the royal palace, instead of waiting for rescue, the independently minded noblewoman made her own way, even deciding to marry a commoner rather than a prince.

But not all anti-princesses are animated.

The recent mega-flop John Carter featured Martian Princess Dejah Thoris (Lynn Collins) who, despite falling for the prince charming title character, was also a warrior and a scientist who wasn't afraid to stand up for things she believed in.

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## SCENE

Scene in brief

**Ever wanted to see Shia LaBeouf naked?**

If Sigur Ros' new video were a movie, it might merit an NC-17 rating. For the band's clip of Fjogur Piano released Monday, *Transformers* star Shia LaBeouf appears naked.

Alma Ha'el directed the video. It is part of a series being created for the band's latest album *Valtari*. The video also features female nudity, dancing, an octopus, lolipops and trippy images. Band bassist Georg Holm said the director and LaBeouf collaborated on the idea for it. Holm described it as "absolutely amazing." Videos don't come with ratings. But the Sigur Ros video does have a warning for its content before it begins. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the web



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# Lil Wayne says 'there's no beef' with Pusha T

## Music and fashion.

After years of conflict rapper downplays diss songs between him and former label mate

With a clothing line and a powerhouse group of artists under his umbrella, Lil Wayne claims he's trying to stay above the fray.

The rapper says "there's no beef" between himself and Pusha T, despite back-and-forth diss songs released in recent weeks. Conflict between the two, simmering for years, boiled over when Pusha T of The Clipse — signed with Kanye West's G.O.O.D. Music group — released a track targeting Lil Wayne and his Young Money signee Drake.

Lil Wayne, who rarely responds in such cases, quickly released a brief song online called Ghoulish aimed at Pusha T "and anybody that love him." But in an interview at a Los Angeles Macy's department store to promote his skateboarding-inspired Trukfit clothing line, Lil Wayne said he doesn't plan to escalate the Pusha T conflict further than it has already gone.

He's got music and style on his mind.



Lil Wayne launched TRUKFIT clothing line at Macy's. FILE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## What's next musically? And what happened in the beef between you and Pusha T?

I just finished recording my I Am Not a Human Being II album. And we're starting to work on the Young Money album. ... It really wasn't no beef, you know. It was just me. I just reacted. Just a reaction, a simple reaction. I don't apologize for it because I'm human. But it was just my human reaction. I don't take it back. But there's no beef. Beef is a whole different thing. ... I'll move on.

## Do you consider yourself the most stylish rapper out there? How has your style evolved?

I do not consider myself the most stylish rapper out there. I'd say if I had to consider someone the most stylish rapper out there, I would definitely say that would be a Kanye West or a Andre 3000. ... Yes it (my style) has evolved because I was one of the guys that would "geek chic" it every now and then. ... Now I'm just more into whatever works for me. I think that's just age. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Wahlberg hints at Entourage big screen possibilities

Fans of HBO's inside-Hollywood series Entourage can rest easy. Executive producer Mark Wahlberg confirms to the Today Show that a movie spin-off for the show is in the works, with creator Doug Ellin hard at work on a script.

The series ended after eight seasons with all the main characters finding happiness — including Hollywood agent Ari, played by Jeremy Piven, ditching his job to reconcile with his

### Quote

**"The dream job [Ari] got offered is too good to pass up."**

Mark Wahlberg

Giving a teaser about an Entourage spinoff

wife — but Wahlberg suggests that won't last.

"The dream job (Ari) got offered is too good to pass up," Wahlberg teases.

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word

## Charlie Sheen preparing for retirement

Charlie Sheen insists that his new series, Anger Management, will be his last gig before retiring.

"When I'm done with this business it's just going to be about soccer games and amusement parks," Sheen tells the New York Times.

"And when this ends, I'm done. This is my swan song."

Aside from looking forward to spending more time with his kids, Sheen is also excited to have something else after Two and a Half Men, which "wasn't meant to be my legacy," he says. "This is."

Of course, the show may not end anytime soon. While only 10 episodes of



Anger Management have been filmed, if the network decides to keep it, they'll immediately order 90 more, thanks to Sheen's one-of-a-kind contract.

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Justin Bieber ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Bieber likes to keep his personal life private by talking to magazines about it

Justin Bieber's relationship with Selena Gomez is going great, in case anyone was worried.

"What does love feel like? It feels good. If you're really in love then you should get butterflies. Butterflies and happiness, that's how I feel anyway," Bieber says in an interview with Fabulous magazine.

"My first kiss with Selena was the best of my life. It was in the car. It was scary and spontaneous and it was

just awesome."

Despite his candidness in this particular interview, Bieber admits that he doesn't like to talk about his relationship that much with the press.

"I never like to throw it in my fans' faces. I love my fans and I'd never want to do that to them," he says. "It's my private life and I like to keep separate. I don't have many things that I get to keep to myself but that's one thing."



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### Dunnottar Castle

A ruined medieval fortress on the north-east coast of Scotland dating back to the 15th or 16th century, this imposing outpost was the starting point for designing the Dun-Broch castle featured in the film.



### Glen Affric

The quintessential mysterious Scottish forest, this nature reserve in the Highlands is possibly the best example of a glen, with moss and heather covering the ground. With the River Affric running through, there's ample opportunities for hiking, rafting and swimming.



### Isle of Skye

The largest island of the Inner Hebrides, the Isle of Skye is rife with both local folklore and sweeping Highland landscapes. Highlights include the enchanting Faerie Glen, the odd-shaped rock formations of the Quiraing and the 200-foot sea cliff Kilt Rock.



Pixar's new movie Brave takes place in 10th-Century Scotland. HANDOUT

# Scotland — home of castles and the Brave

**Pixar.** Latest animated film inspires travel to mysterious, historic Scottish sites

**NED EHRBAR**  
Metro World News in Hollywood

An animated film may seem like odd inspiration for a vacation, but the folks behind Pixar's latest, *Brave*, put such painstaking work into digitally recreating Scotland that you won't be able to help but want to go visit. After all, the filmmakers can't have all the fun.

Teams from Pixar headed to Scotland twice during preparation for the film, first to find inspiration and again to take samples to get the natural beauty just right — which turned out to be more difficult than expected.

"The reason *Brave* is so incredibly challenging is because the computer likes to make things perfect,

#### Quoted

**"When you're dealing with ancient Scotland, every single item — every stone, every tree, every structure — has a tremendous sense of history to it..."**

John Lasseter, Pixar head

geometric," says Pixar head John Lasseter.

"When you're dealing with ancient Scotland, every single item — every stone, every tree, every structure — has a tremendous sense of history to it with layers of moss and dirt and wear from the weather. There's a certain level of detail that you need to have in order to make this kind of environment believable."

Co-director Steve Purcell admits that while they were in Scotland on business, it never really felt like work.

"It's definitely fun. We did a lot sketching and drawing, and we'd meet the local people in whatever

town and ask them what kind of folklore and stories they had," Purcell says.

"(Ardanaisig Hotel) was one of our favourites, just because it was so colourful. The owner's son gave me a wooden cross to take to my room that night. He said, 'I hope you're very strong because you have a strong ghost.'"

That sense of folklore and mystery permeates Scotland, explains *Brave* director Mark Andrews, who was already a fan of the country after spending his honeymoon there.

"Nothing didn't have a story. Every creek and branch and thing," he says.

"We got back and (while) developing the film, we wanted that aspect in there that every character is telling a story or knows a story, or there's a story about everything that's happening in *Brave*, so you get story upon story upon story upon story upon story, interwoven in the actual movie."

While clearly a big fan of Scotland, Andrews has trouble narrowing down the best places to visit.

"Well, there's Loch Maree up in the Torridons, which is phenomenal. There's a little town called Ullapool, which I know is werewolf-infested," he says.

"On the Isle of Skye, we saw the Queen of the Faeries mound. There are these strange dolomite things in this valley, and nobody lives on that side of the valley because they think it's faery-haunted."

So, we tried to do the job for him, picking the best *Brave*-inspired locations for your itinerary. See left panel for details.

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Spectacle

## Viva Cirque du Soleil

Tickets are now on sale for the latest Cirque du Soleil show to hit the Las Vegas Strip. Members of the general public can start buying tickets Friday for the Zarkana show at Aria Resort and Casino. Tickets went on sale Monday for members of Cirque Club and M Life, and Aria preferred customers. The acrobatic show kicks off in Las Vegas in November.

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# Tacos get a modern low-calorie (and Thai-influenced) makeover

If you ordered these Thai Tacos with slaw from a take-out establishment, they would come in at a hefty 800 calories. In this recipe, a serving is 400 calories, half of the fast-food variety.

Make your meal a combo with a tasty Asian Slaw.

1. Toast taco shells for 20 to 30 seconds in a toaster oven or for 1 minute in a 180 C (350 F) conventional oven.

2. In a sauté pan, lightly heat tuna. Reduce heat to low and quickly stir in half the sour

cream. Place a quarter of the tuna mixture into each taco shell. Top with lettuce, tomato and remaining sour cream. Garnish with lime wedges.

3. Asian Slaw: In a small bowl, whisk together rice wine vinegar and Dijon mustard. Slowly drizzle in sesame oil, whisking continuously. In a separate bowl, toss cabbages and carrot together. Drizzle dressing over top and garnish with sesame seeds.

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## Ingredients

2 portions

### Chili Thai Tacos

- 4 taco shells
- 3 cans (each 85 g) flaked light tuna (Spicy Thai Chili flavour)
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) sour cream, divided
- 250 ml (1 cup) shredded iceberg lettuce
- 1 tomato, diced
- 2 lime wedges, for garnish

### Asian Slaw

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) rice wine vinegar
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) sesame oil
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) shredded red cabbage
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) shredded green cabbage
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) grated carrot
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) sesame seeds, toasted

## Chili Thai Tacos



This meal serves two. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

## Drink of the Week

### Goji Pop Sangria

There's nothing quite as refreshing as sangria during summer nights.

This Goji Pop Sangria incorporates fruity flavours for a new take on the classic drink.

- 8 David's Perfect Spoonfuls of Goji Pop
- 2 cups hot water
- 2 cups light and fruity red wine
- 1/2 cup Triple Sec
- 2 oranges and 2 lemons, sliced into circles

Put tea and hot water directly into a teapot or heat resistant pitcher. Let the tea infuse until cool. Leaving the tea in the mix, add wine, triple sec, lemons and oranges. Pour over ice and serve.

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## Veggie Option. Combine zippy flavours and veggies



Try these Mexican tacos with their vegetables and veggie ground round as a light snack or supper and be delighted with their intense flavours.

1. In a large skillet over medium-high, heat oil. Add onion, green pepper and garlic and sauté until soft,

about 5 minutes.

2. Mash ground round with fork and add to mixture in skillet. Heat through.

3. Spoon 50 ml (1/4 cup) of the filling into each taco shell. Serve with lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, refried beans and salsa separately

## Ingredients

4 portions

- 5 ml (1 tsp) canola oil
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) each chopped onion and green bell pepper
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 pkg (340 g) Mexican veggie ground round
- 12 corn tacos

- 250 ml (1 cup) shredded lettuce
- 250 ml (1 cup) grated cheddar cheese
- 250 ml (1 cup) fresh tomatoes, chopped
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welcome customers.

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Lahey Glass provides glass service for both residential and commercial customers.

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"We provide 24-hour on-call service," explains Brent MacIntyre, Lahey Glass's Vice President of Operations. "We are committed to providing service within 30 minutes inside metro."

This service is offered 365 days of the year, including Christmas. Unfortunately, it is during the biggest holidays and weekends that vandalism traditionally occurs most often.

Customers requiring service during



Lahey Glass's employees bring the work trucks home with them, which allows for true 24-hour on-call service.

normal business hours can phone Lahey Glass at 462-8000. For the 24-hour service, please call 830-9821.

Even outside of normal business hours, customers will hear a live voice on the other end as Lahey Glass staffers carry cell phones with them outside of work.

Customers can be assured of a quick response as Lahey Glass staffers have the trucks with them, as well as the appropri-

ate supplies that enable them to carry out repairs on the majority of jobs.

"They're prepared for just about anything," says MacIntyre.

The way Lahey Glass has its after-hours service set up allows it to offer immediate service to its clients, which ensures its customers receive immediate service and have their problems resolved in a timely fashion.

In the case of after-hour calls, many

calls stem from incidents of vandalism and involve a security component that truly necessitates a quick response.

"Windows secure the building, so we basically facilitate that through our emergency service," says Isaac Hill, Lahey Glass's Operations Manager.

One of the benefits of the after-hours service is that it is also affordable as there isn't a premium charged on the hourly rate.

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# LAHEY GLASS: PROVIDING PANE RELIEF

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The commercial portion of the business is focused on new installations of commercial glass and store fronts, curtain walls, structural glazing, as well as doors. Lahey Glass also does repair and replacement work of aluminum commercial doors.

On the residential front, Lahey Glass offers a full suite of services, including replacing and repairing windows. Depending on the circumstances, a full replacement may not be needed.

In the case of a seal failure, the vinyl encasement can stay while the actual window pane will be replaced.

A seal failure occurs for an assortment of reasons, including the age of the window, window quality, weather and problems stemming from the

original installation.

Lahey Glass offers a five-year warranty on all seal failures and will come out to clients' homes, businesses or jobsites to diagnose what caused the seal failure. Lahey Glass will replace the warranted thermopane at no cost.

Some indicators that a home's windows need to be replaced are if there's rust on the inside portion of the window frame or if there's condensation inside the window.

"If you clean both sides of your window and there's still residue on the window, something's in the window," says Isaac Hill, the Operations Manager for Lahey Glass.

Some of the other services Lahey Glass provides specifically for its residential customers include custom-made mirrors and tabletops, which can cover all shapes and sizes available.

Brent MacIntyre, Lahey Glass's Vice President of Operations, says many customers tire of having water stains on their wooden tables and using coasters, so they

Isaac Hill and Brent MacIntyre are two of the friendly faces at Lahey Glass.



decide to have a glass tabletop made to prevent this from happening.

Another service Lahey Glass offers that is particularly helpful during the summer is screen repairs and replacements. A well-functioning screen is crucial for keeping the bugs out during those hot summer days.

Lahey Glass's work is backed up by a one-year workmanship warranty, which

A technician at Lahey Glass cuts glass.



guarantees the work for an entire year after the job is complete. This guarantee includes the cutting, installation and workmanship for any product purchased from Lahey Glass.

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# Filling the steel-toed boots

## Hammering it home.

Jobs in skilled trades are plentiful, but where are the applicants?

ARINA KHARLAMOVA  
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What do high school, close relatives and the overwhelming pressure from society have in common? Their ignorance of the strength, satisfaction and success that comes from a career in the skilled trades.

Skills Canada and the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum conducted an Ipsos-Reid study in 2004, which found that "60

### No easy answer

#### What is the "fix" to Canada's skilled trade labour shortage?

- "There is no magic answer. There are lots of solutions, one of which includes understanding skilled tradespeople who want to immigrate to Canada by making sure their credentials match Canadian standards, or by providing gap training."
- "Another important solution is by promoting apprenticeship to youth."
- "Finally, engaging communities like Aboriginal peoples, who are already living in areas where skilled trades would thrive, like mining in Northern Ontario, is paramount," Sarah Watts-Rynard says.



In the next 20 years, 40 per cent of new jobs in Canada will be in skilled trades and technologies. ISTOCK

per cent of youth reported that their parents have not encouraged them to consider a career in trades"; whether that is because their parents wanted them to be all-revered lawyers and doctors, or because skilled trades are socially associated with low caliber, high-stress jobs that earn very little and ask a lot is irrelevant.

These statistics are prevalent, even though news media is full of bursting with stories of unemployed university graduates, graduates unable to find jobs in their fields, or those that graduated into jobs they hate.

So why is university still the top choice when skilled trades — which can include construction, transportation, manufacturing, and service industries — are such lucrative careers with such an available variety of choice?

Because many Canadians are completely unaware of the benefits and opportunities that are available in skilled trades, and thus do not consider it in their decision-making.

### Show me the money

**"In many cases, skilled trade occupations are some of the best paid available and offer a lot of flexibility for young people"**

Sarah Watts-Rynard  
Executive Director of the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum

Sarah Watts-Rynard, the Executive Director of the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum, says that, "There's a lot of misconceptions about skilled trades in our society, and good reasons for them. Over the years, every parent has always wanted his or her child to do better: have a better career and make more money and get ahead. But, in many cases, skilled trade occupations are some of the best paid available and offer a lot of flexibility for young people. If you go and get certified in a trade, you can

move to any place in Canada or the world and have a job."

A report done by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business in 2003 revealed that, of the businesses surveyed, 50 per cent said that lack of qualified labour was one of their biggest problems. Fifty-six per cent of businesses claimed that it was necessary to hire someone unqualified or underqualified just to fill positions. Skilled trades are one of the most difficult industry jobs to fill, and yet they are integral to our society.

Alejandro Zambrano, a computer engineering student at Seneca and a graduate of George Brown's electromechanical engineering technician program, agrees: "If there were no skilled tradespeople, business people couldn't do anything. If there were no skilled tradespeople, houses wouldn't be built because you need builders, plumbers and electricians to build houses for realtors to sell, and for everyone else to live in."

The question about skilled trades is no longer about whether you should, but whether many other educational and career choices continue to make sense in comparison. Our country and many other countries around the world are experiencing severe recessions, which means that our youth should be encouraged to be practical and smart about their futures.

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### Student Voice

## Less money leads to more prospects?

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Recently, something began to bug me. When I do graduate in two years, what will I have to show for it? I'll be a fresh new graduate from a popular university with a bachelor's degree, but so will everyone else! Surely we will have some work experience — summers at the local grocery store, lifeguard at the pool, waiter at a restaurant. But is that enough?

Would an employer (say the Canadian Youth Business Foundation, who is looking for a marketing coordinator) rather hire John, graduate of York University, with some summer work experience (waiter etc.), or Jasmine, graduate of Western University, with four to eight months (two summers) of experience working in a volunteer centre as a web and e-marketing assistant?

Jasmine would have developed a social media strategy, launched an e-marketing campaign, designed logos and graphics, and, ultimately, assisted the centre in developing a stronger online presence. She may not have been paid for her work at the centre but the employer does not know that or need to know that. All that matters is that her resumé lists this experience and proves that she would make a great candidate for the position.

### My recommendations for students

Do more and be more — network with everyone. Attend networking sessions at your school, talk to people in the fields you are interested in, ask questions, attend career fairs, be active on LinkedIn, and improve your skills. Back in 2010, I was selected for an internship with RBC and I believe it's because of the technical skills listed on my resumé that helped me stand out. TALENTEGG.CA, CANADA'S LEADING JOB SITE AND ONLINE CAREER RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS AND NEW GRADUATES, WANTS TO HEAR YOUR STUDENT VOICE. SHARE IT AT TALENTEGG.CA.



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# Dream season has Harris on verge of Olympic berth

## Road to London.

Halifax sprinter has set five personal bests and posted two Olympic 'B' standards



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Geoff Harris has picked the perfect time to have the best season of his track career.

The Halifax sprinter has posted five personal bests

### Quoted

"I think it will all set in after it all happens but for now I'm just trying to stay day-to-day, keep my body healthy and mentally get ready to do the best I can at nationals."

Geoff Harris on the excitement surrounding his bid to qualify for the Olympics.

### Championships

The Canadian track and field championships start next Wednesday in Calgary and conclude on Saturday. Follow them online at 2012trials.ca.

in six 800-metre races this year — tripping and falling in the only race where he didn't set a new mark — and has hit two Olympic "B" standards in the past two weeks in his bid to qualify for the London Games.

Now with a personal-

best time of 1:46.12, Harris can put himself in position to go to the Olympics with one more good run at next week's Canadian track-and-field championships in Calgary.

"My feet have gone beyond what I ever imagined," Harris said. "For the most part, if you run two personal bests in a year, you call it a great year.... To be hitting these times consistently and dropping off a little every time, this is definitely the biggest season I've ever had."

The 25-year-old former Dalhousie Tigers star began the year running 1:49.86 at the Mt. Sac relays in Walnut, Calif., and most recently posted a scorching 1:46.12 at an American Milers Series race in Indianapolis last Saturday.

But he still has work to do to achieve his dream of being an Olympian. Although his nomination for



Geoff Harris at the start line of the Victoria Track Classic last week.  
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the Games will be determined by a committee on July 1, he'll do himself a big favour by winning the

national 800 crown next week. Better still, he'd all but clinch a nomination if he reaches the lofty Olympic "A" standard of 1:45.6.

"There are no guarantees at all," Harris said. "I did as much as I could do this year to make myself as eligible as I could, so hopefully they'll see it's worth taking me."

Harris has never won a national 800 title.

He'll get a stiff test from Sudbury, Ont., native Andrew Ellerton, who achieved the "A" standard last year.

But after several years plagued with injuries, Harris is right where he wants to be.

"It's all a bit surreal," Harris said. "I knew I was going to be close, I knew I was in shape to run some fast times ... but to accomplish what I've accomplished, to this point, right now, I shake my head."

# NBL Canada expected to grow by one

Although National Basketball League of Canada officials aimed higher, the minor-pro circuit is expected to grow by just one team next season.

The seven-team league, entering its second season next fall, is expected to approve Windsor, Ont., as its eighth franchise at the annual owners' meetings next Wednesday and Thursday in Toronto.

Three other prospective ownership groups in Ontario — based in St. Catharines, Kitchener and Ottawa — are officially out of the picture, while another, based in Mississauga, is not expected to go forward.

Slow growth is not a

### As it stands

#### Existing NBL Canada teams:

- Halifax Rainmen
- London Lightning
- Moncton Miracles
- Oshawa Power
- Quebec Kebs
- Saint John Mill Rats
- Summerside Storm

concern for the league, according to chief operating officer Ian McCarthy.

"We don't care whether it's zero or one, we just want the right groups involved," McCarthy said. "We have a slow-growth model and we want the right groups who are in it for the long haul."

The ownership group in Windsor has already fronted its \$50,000 refundable deposit to join the league and is putting the finishing touches on a lease agreement at WFCU Centre.

Once that's signed, the league's owners must vote to approve the franchise next week.

All seven founding teams will be making returns next season, McCarthy confirmed.

MATTHEW WUEST/METRO

### Baseball

## Dartmouth edges past Halifax

Chris Head had a home run as Dartmouth Moosehead Dry edged the Halifax Pelham Canadians 3-2 in Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League action on Tuesday night at Mainland Common.

Craig Sinyard picked up the win on the mound, while Jeff Reeves earned the save. Dartmouth improved to 6-2, while Halifax fell to 2-5.

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## Diving. Despatie says that he was concussed

After initial reports Canadian diver Alexandre Despatie didn't suffer a concussion in a diving accident last week, the two-time Olympic silver medalist confirmed Tuesday he did have one.

Despatie hit his head on the board last week in Madrid while training for a Grand Prix event. He returned to Canada on the weekend where he saw a specialist who concluded he did have a concussion.

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Alexandre Despatie GETTY IMAGES



NBL Canada chief operating officer Ian McCarthy. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO FILE

## NHL. Karlsson, Senators agree to seven-year deal

Erik Karlsson has been rewarded for his breakout season with a new hefty contract extension, but the star Ottawa defenceman knows it comes with high expectations.

Karlsson and the Senators agreed to terms on a \$45.5-million US, seven-year extension Tuesday.

"It's a special feeling," Karlsson said of the new deal. "It's going to be higher expectations from every-

### By the numbers

78

Karlsson led all NHL blue-liners last season with 78 points and is nominated for the Norris Trophy as the league's top defenceman.

one, especially you guys (the media). I know how it is and I know how it works."

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## SPORTS

### NHL

## Referendum on Coyotes deal can go forward

Voters in Glendale, Ariz., can go ahead with a referendum on a lease agreement between the city and the prospective owner of the Phoenix Coyotes after a judge invalidated one section of the ordinance. Residents now have 30 days from the June 8 Glendale city council vote to gather signatures for a public referendum on the agreement.

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### On the web



It's been over a year since Canadians forward Max Pacioretty suffered a broken neck on a hit from Bruins bruiser Zdeno Chara in Montreal. And with Pacioretty a Masterton Trophy nominee at Wednesday's NHL awards in Las Vegas, the Habs scorer is expecting questions regarding the incident to arise once again. Scan the code for the story.

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## Euro 2012

French move  
on despite  
loss to Swedes

France was outplayed, out-fought and outscored, and that was against a team with nothing to play for.

With world champion Spain now waiting in the quarter-finals of the European Championship, things better improve quickly for the French to stand a chance of going any further.

France limped into the knockout round of Euro 2012 despite a 2-0 loss to Sweden in their final group game, showing just how much the team still needs to improve to be true contenders in the tournament. The French finished second in Group D and will face Spain on Saturday.

"You have to be optimistic to think that we can beat Spain, but it's hard right now to imagine that we can. We have to do better on Saturday," France coach Laurent Blanc said. "We wanted to finish top of the group but couldn't manage it, so we have to deal with that."

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# Rooney scores winner in return from suspension

**Euro 2012.** England gets victory over Ukraine amidst controversy over a disallowed goal

Only one goal counted, and it belonged to Wayne Rooney.

The England striker returned from a two-match suspension to head in the lone goal Tuesday and give his team a 1-0 win over Ukraine and a spot in the European Championship quarter-finals. The co-host Ukrainians, however, will leave the tournament knowing that things could have been different.

Needing a win to advance, the Ukrainians thought they had equalized in the 62nd minute when Marko Devic's looping shot appeared to cross the line before it was hooked clear by England defender John Terry. But the goal was not awarded by the referee or his extra assistant, who was half-standing on the field only a few metres from the post.

"The goal that wasn't given really changed our plan because if it was given, I think the whole game could have looked another way," Ukraine captain Andriy Shevchenko said through an interpreter. "We tried to give Ukraine a gift but we weren't able to do it."

Although a draw still would have eliminated them, the equalizer would have given the team hope knowing that another goal would put Ukraine through to the quarter-finals.



England's John Terry clears the ball away from his goal Tuesday in Donetsk, Ukraine. MATTHIAS SCHRADER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I was sad because the ball was in the goal by one metre," Ukraine coach Oleg Blokhin said.

The controversy will likely add to the pressure on UEFA president Michel Platini to reverse his opposition to goal-line technology.

It was Rooney, however, who did manage to put his team on the scoreboard.

England captain Steven Gerrard whipped a cross into the penalty area that glanced off

## Quoted

**"I don't want to talk about the referees, we lost the game. I don't want to put everything on the referees."**

Ukraine coach Oleg Blokhin

two defenders before Ukraine goalkeeper Andriy Pyatov let it slip through his hands as he

crouched to collect the ball. Rooney was primed at the far post and made it count.

"I was always putting myself in goal-scoring opportunities," Rooney said. "I could've done better with a couple more but I got the goal and it's three points."

Rooney missed the first two Euro 2012 matches through suspension. He was sent off in the team's last qualifier in October, and received a three-match suspension that was eventually

reduced to two.

With the victory, England won Group D and will next face Italy in Kyiv on Sunday. France also advanced. Ukraine, however, will have to watch the rest of the tournament as spectators, just like co-host Poland.

At the 2010 World Cup, England midfielder Frank Lampard was denied a goal that would have levelled the match against Germany at 2-2. England ended up losing 4-1.

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## Fan violence

## Russia appeals UEFA sanctions

UEFA says the Russian football association has appealed against a threatened six-point deduction during qualifying for the next European Championship because of its fans' violence at Euro 2012.

The European football body says Russia is also challenging a \$151,000 fine, imposed after fans attacked stadium stewards in Wroclaw following a game against the Czech Republic.

The UEFA charge of improper conduct also related to fans throwing fireworks on the pitch and displaying nationalist flags. UEFA says a date for the appeal has not been decided.

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## Euro 2012. Greek players leave politics out of game

For Greece's players, politics is off limits.

The Greeks are preparing to face Germany in the quarter-finals of the European Championship, and their fans are already chanting slogans about German Chancellor Angela Merkel ahead of Friday's politically charged match in Gdansk.

"You cannot compare football and politics, it's as simple as that. It's a game," Celtic striker Georgios Samaras said Tuesday. "We'll play. We enjoy it because we love it, nothing else."

The match follows a weekend general election in Greece, dominated by the financial crisis and harsh austerity measures imposed by Germany and other euro-zone rescue lenders.

But after players were

## Quoted

**"We're not playing for ourselves. We play for the country, for 11-million people, who are waiting for a smile."**

Greek striker Georgios Samaras to journalists asking repeated questions about the financial crisis.

repeatedly asked about the financial crisis and tension with Germany, Greek football federation spokesman Michalis Tsapdis intervened.

"If you want to write a different story (other) than football, you can write whatever you like," Tsapdis said. "But please don't ask the players about this."

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# Caddy's XTS steps up to the plate



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## Aesthetics

Visually, the XTS comes across as much leaner and tauter than its predecessor, although its chiselled nose and tail and a high beltline are common to the Cadillac fleet. Overall, the XTS's elegant, original design clearly distinguishes it from its European counterparts.

## Safety features

Like most vehicles in its class, the XTS has a laundry list of safety electronics and warnings. The Driver Awareness Package includes lane-departure warning that alerts you if an unintended lane change is imminent. As well, forward collision alert warns of a too-rapid closing speed to the vehicle in front.

## 2013 Cadillac XTS

- **Type.** Four-door, front-/all-wheel-drive full-size luxury sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (304).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy): 11.5/7.5 (est., FWD).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** \$50,600.

## Engine



There are no plans for a V8 option, but a plug-in gasoline-electric hybrid is reportedly in the pipeline.

No XTS pilot will be overwhelmed by the powertrain. For now, the sole choice is a 304-horsepower 3.6-litre V6 that operates through a six-speed automatic transmission with manual shift controls. All-wheel-drive can be added to the three trim levels — Luxury, Premium and Platinum — above the base XTS.

**Review.** Faced with whether to keep the STS or the DTS, Cadillac did the only sensible thing: it replaced both

Cadillac is shaking up its product line in a big way and the XTS sedan literally plays the biggest part in General Motors' premium division.

For the 2013 model year, the XTS becomes the flagship of Cadillac's passenger-car fleet, replacing both the front-wheel-drive DTS and the rear-wheel-drive STS.

At the opposite end, the equally new ATS becomes

Caddy's smallest and least-expensive car (the mid-range CTS stands pat).

As with the DTS, the XTS (which is arriving at dealerships now) is front-wheel-drive.

It's a platform that will also be used for the 2014 Chevrolet Impala. As big as it is, the XTS is about 14 centimetres shorter and five centimetres narrower than the DTS and

is also 10 centimetres shorter between the front and rear wheels.

But don't let the shrinkage fool you as the revised proportions, including a shorter hood and a higher roofline, mean greater interior room. According to Cadillac's tape measure, there's more rear-seat and trunk space than a BMW 5 Series, Mercedes-Benz E-Class and an Audi A6.

Since the XTS is a Cadillac, there are almost unlimited comfort and convenience items, many of which are standard in the \$50,600 (including destination costs) base car.

That price seems reasonable given the car's cutting-edge looks and content and the fact that other premium automakers charge as much or more for their higher-end models.

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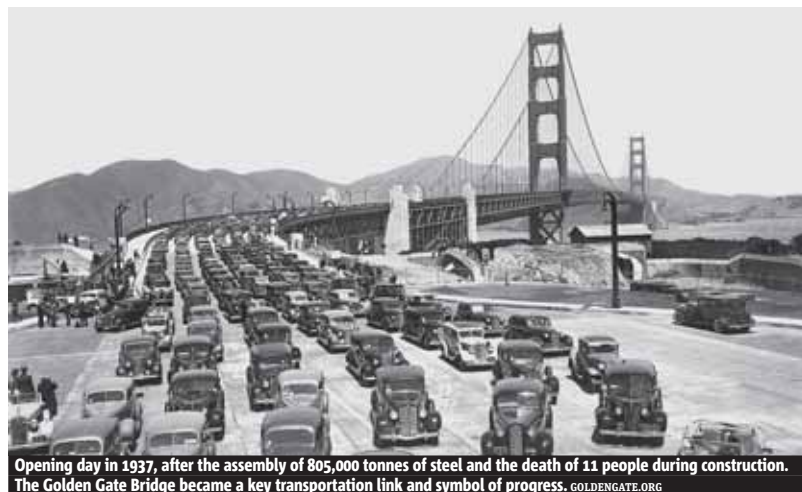
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Forty million vehicles use the Golden Gate Bridge every year. MASON CUMMINGS



Opening day in 1937, after the assembly of 805,000 tonnes of steel and the death of 11 people during construction. The Golden Gate Bridge became a key transportation link and symbol of progress. GOLDENGATE.ORG



In its 75 years, the Golden Gate Bridge has been completely closed to traffic just three times, due to high crosswinds. It even shrugged off the devastating 7.1 magnitude earthquake in 1989. GOLDENGATE.ORG

# ‘More than a symbol of San Francisco’

**Auto Know.** San Francisco's famous landmark, used by 120,000 vehicles a day, recently celebrated its 75th birthday

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*At last the mighty task is done;  
Resplendent in the western sun  
The Bridge looms mountain  
high;  
Its titan piers grip ocean floor,  
Its great steel arms link shore  
with shore,  
Its towers pierce the sky.  
Beneath, fleet ships from every  
port,  
Vast landlocked by historic  
fort,  
And dwarfing all — the sea.*

It's an excerpt from the poem *The Mighty Task Is Done*, written by Joseph P. Strauss, the visionary and chief engineer for the construction of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco.

The tribute was written in 1937, upon the opening of the majestic and delicate-looking structure. It celebrates a project that took more than four

years and 805,000 tonnes of steel to complete, and claimed 11 lives during its construction.

The Golden Gate Bridge celebrated her 75th birthday in May, marked by an impressive fireworks show, a giant parade and a citywide celebration. Considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World, if these rivets, cables and towers could talk, what a story they would tell.

"Its rugged beauty is remarkable," said Patrick Clemens, a San Franciscan whose apartment in the Marina District overlooks the Golden Gate Bridge to the West. "The bridge is truly more than a symbol of San Francisco. It's a symbol of American ingenuity."

The first automobile crossed the Golden Gate Bridge at high noon on May 28, 1937, to the sound of celebratory church bells and fire sirens throughout San Francisco. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signalled the opening of the 2.7-kilometre bridge with the push of a telegraph key that announced the event to the world, and opened a needed gateway to and from San Francisco.

"Part of (the bridge concept) was very basic," said John King, the urban design

## By the numbers

**162,414**

The highest number of vehicles to cross the bridge in a day (Oct. 27, 1989).

**45**

The bridge's speed limit in m.p.h., which translates to 72 km/h.

**\$6**

The toll to use the bridge.

**\$85M**

The amount of money generated by the bridge each year.

critic for the San Francisco Chronicle. "The automobile was picking up popularity, and by all accounts, you had two-to-three-hour waits to get across the gate on a Sunday night by car ferry."

As the only road to exit San Francisco to the north, leading to the Sonoma and Napa wine regions, the six-lane bridge served its one billionth automobile in 1985 and carries about 120,000 vehicles a day and 40 million back and

forth across the Bay every year. And with a \$6 toll to take the bridge into San Francisco, the Golden Gate generates about US \$85 million in revenue every year.

But the convenience and earning power of the bridge are only sidebars to the reliability story the Golden Gate has demonstrated to commuters in its 75 years of service.

Amazingly, the Golden Gate Bridge has been briefly closed to automobile traffic only three times in its history, all because of sustained winds off the Pacific Ocean in excess of 70 m.p.h. (112 km/h), but it survived all three incidents without any structural damage.

The suspension span can sway more than six metres, which gets a driver's attention while crossing it and creates some motion sickness for pedestrians on a windy day, but the flexibility absorbs the unforgiving wind and weather this region routinely brings.

"You couldn't have put the bridge in a more corrosive atmosphere than in the middle of the Golden Gate with that salt fog coming in," said Daniel Mohn, a former chief engineer for the bridge and a Golden Gate historian.

During the evening commute on Oct. 17, 1989, traffic

throughout the Bay Area was snarled when a 7.1-magnitude earthquake struck. Considered the most devastating quake to hit the area since 1906, the Bay Bridge to the east was shut down when two 15-metre sections collapsed, diverting about 40,000 additional drivers to the Golden Gate Bridge, which was left undamaged and operational through the memorable quake and subsequent repair period.

On Oct. 27, 1989, a record 162,414 vehicles crossed the Golden Gate Bridge while the Bay Bridge was being repaired.

Weather isn't the only hazard the Golden Gate Bridge presents to drivers. The daily practice of changing lane patterns to help traffic flow has contributed to dozens of crashes on the bridge and endless headaches for transit district officials.

North and southbound lanes are lined and separated by 50-centimetre yellow rubber tube markers placed every eight metres. During the morning commute, four of the six lanes run southbound into San Francisco, and during the evening rush hour, the markers are reconfigured so that four lanes run into Marin County on the north side of the Bay, a traffic flow

adjustment that has confused drivers through the years, and brought a push to install a movable median barrier on the bridge.

As another safety initiative for drivers, the speed limit on the bridge was reduced in 1996 to 45 m.p.h. (72 km/h) from 55 (89 km/h) and fines for speeding on the span were doubled, which officials say have reduced the number of collisions on the bridge.

Joseph P. Strauss faced many critics who told him the San Francisco Bay could never be spanned by a suspension bridge surrounded by some of the harshest winds and climate conditions Mother Nature can unleash.

But through one man's vision and the death-defying feats of thousands of bridge workers over the decades, 75 years of service may be only the infancy for this proud bridge that is truly the Golden Standard.

*Ask of the steel, each strut and wire,  
Ask of the searching purging fire,  
That marked their natal hour;  
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Feature content included Ford's keypad system, automatic climate control, power-adjustable pedals, heated leather, a sunroof and more.

## Common Issues

On earlier models, check the transmission for smoothness while shifting between reverse and drive, and note any slipping or hesitation when accelerating from a stop.

Any drivability issues related to the six-speed transmission (standard on V8-powered models) are likely computer-related and not catastrophic.

The five-speed automatic teamed up with the V6 engine is noted to be more problematic and less robust, making the V8 powertrain a more sensible choice. Some stalling issues were also noted on the V6-powered models, backing this point.



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## Engine

Look for four-wheel drive and automatic transmissions all around. Explorer's standard four-litre V6 engine made 210 horsepower, while a 4.6-litre V8 turned in 292 ponies.

## What Owners Like

Looks, a stable and comfortable ride, and an overall "safe" feel to the last-generation Explorer were noted by many drivers. Many say Explorer feels "strong," rides well and has a fast-acting traction control system for stable performance.

## What Owners Dislike

Common complaints aside from the standard SUV fuel-consumption gripes include limited at-hand storage space, and limited rear seat room.

## Verdict

Used Explorer shoppers are advised to avoid the earlier years of this model and stick to V8-powered units where possible. A well-maintained Explorer free of notable issues should prove the most reliable.

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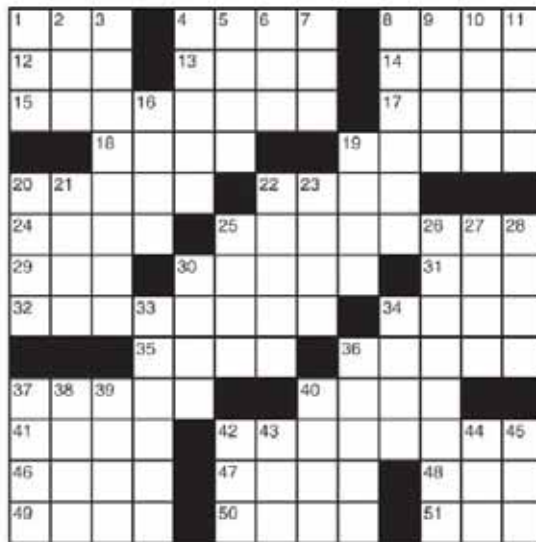
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## Across

- 1 Woman, slangily
- 4 Information
- 8 "— of Our Lives"
- 12 Diva's problem
- 13 Hodgepodge
- 14 Acknowledge
- 15 Script
- 17 Start of something big?
- 18 Hoodlum
- 19 English homework
- 20 Say it's OK
- 22 Recording
- 24 Dorm dweller
- 25 Fossey subjects
- 29 Slapstick missile
- 30 Invigorant
- 31 "A Chorus Line" song
- 32 In the cards
- 34 Pesky flier
- 35 Crystal gazer
- 36 Wade of baseball
- 37 Inlets
- 40 Architect — Ming Pei
- 41 Condo, e.g.
- 42 Look of sadness
- 46 H look-alikes
- 47 Advantage
- 48 Annoy
- 49 Clinton competitor
- 50 Borscht ingredient
- 51 "Catcher in the —"

## Down

- 1 Solidify
- 2 Past
- 3 Spiderlike "daddy"
- 4 "Impossible!"
- 5 Joie de vivre
- 6 Triumph
- 7 Turf
- 8 Maiden
- 9 Erstwhile ova
- 10 Relaxing exercise
- 11 Convince
- 16 OK
- 19 Grand story
- 20 Shot a hole-in-one
- 21 Theater box
- 22 Photocopier need
- 23 Desertlike
- 25 Vanished
- 26 Lover of classical music
- 27 Scrambled wd.
- 28 Collections
- 30 Haberdashery rackful
- 33 Sleeping-sickness carrier
- 34 Slip-up
- 36 Sire
- 37 Prompted
- 38 Knowing about
- 39 Lab container



- 40 "Bus Stop" writer
- 42 Beirut's land (Abbr.)
- 43 Praiseful piece
- 44 Turn on the waterworks

45 Supplement, with "out"



## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Yesterday's Sudoku

7	2	8	3	5	1	4	6	9
6	9	3	4	2	8	1	7	5
1	5	4	9	6	7	3	8	2
2	6	1	5	9	3	8	4	7
8	4	9	7	1	8	5	2	3
3	7	5	8	4	2	9	1	6
4	1	6	2	3	5	7	9	8
5	8	2	1	7	9	6	3	4
9	3	7	6	8	4	2	5	1

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Cryptoquip

## How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

FL CQUU-VJEXNPMR HOYPMXYX  
KQY HXXM RXZZPMR FOVK  
YUJCN. LJO FPRKZ YQL  
AQAXNPMR PY ZQAXNPMR.  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU'RE MUCH  
MORE SPEEDY THAN ALL OTHER COMPETITORS,  
ONE COULD SAY YOU'RE FASTLY SUPERIOR.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals M



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## Horoscope

### ♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

Minor disputes will only turn major if you allow your emotions to rule you. On the home front, you should strive to be more forgiving of weakness.

### ♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

As the Sun moves away from the money area of your chart today, you should consider giving up on a project that has not worked out the way you intended. Don't waste more time.

### ♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You may find yourself lacking in energy today but that's to be expected after all the efforts you've made in recent weeks.

### ♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

The Sun in your sign over the next four weeks will make all things possible, but don't go mad and start taking foolish risks.

### ♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

A clash of opinions is likely today and you are likely to be quite aggressive in defense of your views. Is it worth it?

### ♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

There is no need to be cautious and there is no need to believe rivals are out to get you. Even if they are, you have what it takes to outwit them.

### ♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

The Sun crosses the career angle of your chart today, helping you to impress people in positions of power. Your ideas and actions will in turn have a big influence.

### ♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

You may be conservative by nature but that does not mean you are incapable of original thought — far from it in fact. Get together with like-minded people to work on an idea.

### ♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

It will pay you to be a bit more secretive today. There are some things that even your best friend should not know about you.

### ♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20.

You are midway through your solar year, making this a good time to take stock of how far you have come and how far you still have to travel.

### ♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18.

The Sun moves into the area of your chart that governs your work and your wellbeing today. Ask yourself: Am I happy with what I'm doing? Am I at my physical best?

### ♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

As the Sun begins a four-week spell in the most dynamic area of your chart, you are full of big ideas and even bigger plans. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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